



Offshore wind energy in the Netherlands

Progress towards tenders

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Content presentation

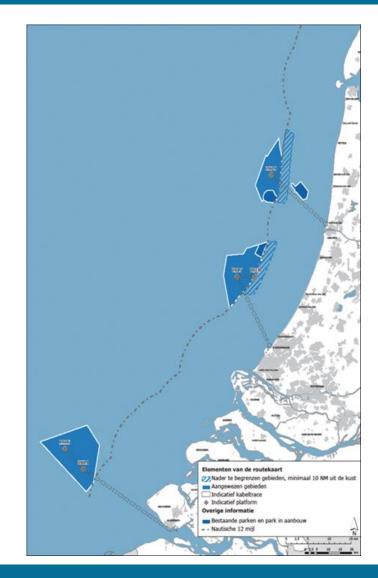
- "Energy Agreement for Sustainable Growth", roadmap, tender
- National laws, subordinate legislation
- Borssele site decisions I/II and III/IV
- Borssele soil, water and wind investigations
- (Partial revision) National Waterplan 2
- Website Offshore Wind Energy



National energy agreement and roadmap

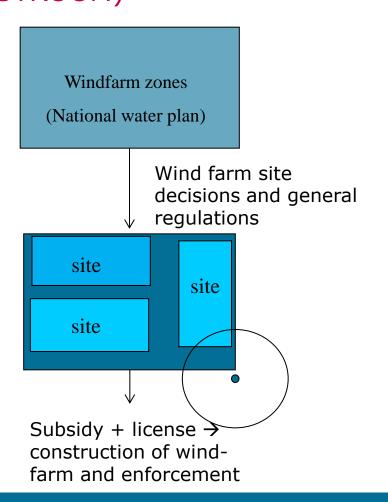
Acceleration in comparison to national energy agreement.

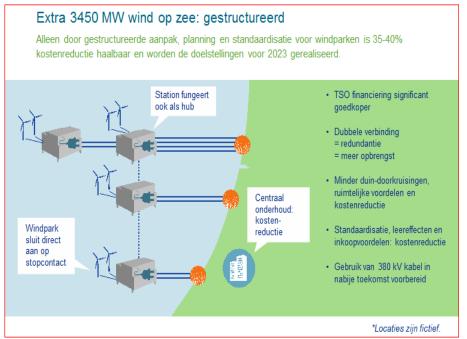
Year	Energy Agreement	New Roadmap	Area
2015	450 MW	700 MW	Borssele
2016	600 MW	700 MW	Borssele
2017	700 MW	700 MW	S-H C
2018	800 MW	700 MW	S-H C
2019	900 MW	700 MW	N-H C





New system: Offshore wind energy bill and the Gas and Electricity bill (STROOM)





Offshore transmission system: Platforms and cables to the coast until it reaches the onshore power distribution system by TenneT.



Tender offshore wind energy in the Netherlands

Wind farm site decisions (incl. EIA) Soil, water, wind investigations wind farm sites

National
consenting
procedure TenneT
substation and
export cables

Scenario wind offshore government

investment plan TenneT SDE+ tender wind at sea



Bill offshore wind energy

- Internet consultation 19 March 16 April 2014
- October 17th 2014, bill to House of Representatives of the Netherlands (file number: 34 058)
- 26th March 2015 House of Representatives voted in favour (14/16 parliamentary parties, 136/150 votes)
- Bill is now in Senate (just yes/no, no changes anymore)
- Into force: 1st of July 2015



Electricity and gas bill (STROOM)

- June 18th 2014 guiding decision: TenneT Offshore grid operator
- July 31st September 8th 2014 internet consultation new Electricity and gas bill (STROOM)
- All into force: 1ST of January 2016
- The system works as follows:
 - Scenario National Government + investment plan offshore grid system TenneT
 - 2. Risks and liability
 - 3. Tariff
- Reduction in public costs: €3 billion, part of the agreement to reduce costs by 40%.



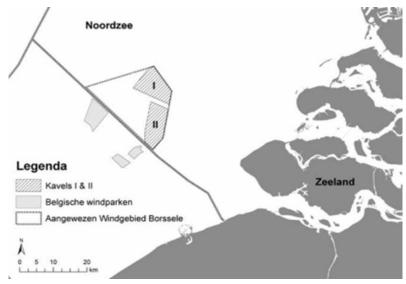
Subordinate regulations offshore windfarms

- Amendment "Waterbesluit": general rules offshore wind parks
 - Internet consultation from the 2nd to 30th of September 2014.
- "Besluit elektriciteit en gas" (subordinate Gas and Electricity bill (STROOM))
 - Internet consultation from 23rd of Feb 23rd of March 2015.
- Amendment "Besluit MER": addition of 'site decision' for EIA
 - March 10th 2015: presented to both houses of parliament
- Amendment "Besluit SDE":
 - February 6th 2015: amendment published in the "Official Journal"
- "Regeling windenergie op zee 2015" (SDE+, subordinate "Besluit SDE")
 - Internet consultation April 2015
- "Uitvoeringsregeling Wet windenergie op zee" (subordinate Bill wind offshore)
 - Internet consultation April 2015



Site decisions I/II Borssele

- October 24th December 4th 2014
 consultation MSD site I/II
- December 9th positive advice EIA C.
- Early May 2015 interim advice EIA C.
 expected, concept EIA site II (public)
- 2nd half may 2015, informal consultation concept-design windfarm site decision II (once)
- August 2015, final EIA and design windfarm site decision I/II, consultation
- September 2015 final advice EIA Commission
- End November 2015 final windfarm site decisions I/II
- Latest July 2016 verdict Council of State, <u>irrevocable</u> windfarm site decisions I/II





Possible changes windfarm site decisions I/II

- Exact coordinates (due to exact location telecomcable, maintenance zones cables, helicopter zones TenneT)
- Exclusion zones (tip within windfarm site, par. 4.3 Project & Site Description)
- Nature mitigation:
 - Bandwith 3 -10 MW → ? 10MW
 - Noise mitigation piling
 - Bats
 - Birds (migratory birds)





Site Decisions III/IV Borssele

- Mid April 2015 EIA commissioned
- June 2015 consultation scope Eia
- January 2016 final EIA and <u>design</u> windfarm site decisions III/IV/innovation open for inspection
- February 2016 final advice EIA C.
- April 2016 <u>final</u> windfarm site decisions III/IV/innovation open for consultation
- November 2016 verdict Council of State, irrevocable windfarm site decisions



- Conversation with TKI about innovation site
- Parceling-out and talks with cable owners of the South-Holland Coast has started as preparation for windfarm site decisions and tenders 2017/2018



Soil, water and wind investigations

- October 2014 LIDAR placed on the island of Goeree
- December 2014: desk studies and 'project and site description' published
- March 2015 geophysical survey completed
- April 2015 start geotechnical survey of the soil
- Planning:
 - Floating LIDAR in Borssele windfarm area and LIDAR on Euro-platform
 - Geophysical and geotechnical survey sites III/IV/innovation
 - Update 'project and site description' after field study



National water plan 2 (NWP2, 2015-2021)

National Water Plan 2 with addendum "Policy Brief North Sea":

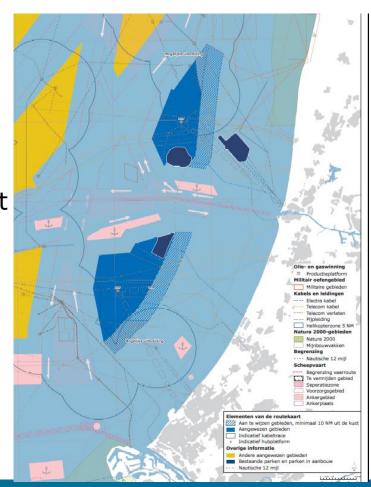
- End of December 2014 concept open for consultation
- End of December 2015 definite version finalized
- Offshore Wind Energy:
 - Draft criterion shipping
 - Decree shared usage and passage (currently draft intention)
 - Design process mining
 - Framework on ecology and accumulation



Partial revision NWP 2: addendum area Holland Coast

National government vision becomes a partial revision of NWP 2

- First half of 2015: investigations (EIA)
 - Informal consultation, participation on intention/scope EIA, Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment
- Second half of 2015: preparation decisionmaking
 - Consultation
- First half of 2016: decision-making (draft and definite NGV)
 - Design revision NWP2 (early 2016), consultation
 - Final revision NWP2 (mid 2016)





Website and Workshops

 A lot of interest for the Netherlands during EWAE



- General website: english.rvo.nl/offshore-wind-energy including:
 - Information and research/investigations for the tender (NEA)
 - Information on North Sea stakeholders
 - Participation and consultation (Bureau for Energy projects etc.)
 - News items